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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a speech recognition system disposed within a portable computing device, a method of completing user input comprising:
- (a) receiving a user input, said user input specifying at least one character corresponding to at least one recognizable word selection of said speech recognition system of said portable computing device ~~an attribute of a selection~~;
- (b) comparing said user input with a set of selections in said speech recognition system;
- (c) limiting said set of selections to an available set of selections which correspond to said specified at least one character received user input; ~~receiving a user spoken utterance~~; and, matching a said received user spoken utterance with ~~said~~ a selection in said available set of selections.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising repetitively performing steps (a), (b), and (c) of claim 1 until said available set of selections is consistent with predetermined selection criteria.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
notifying a user when said available set of selections is consistent with predetermined selection criteria.
4. (canceled)

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5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one character attribute specifies a text word or phrase.

6. (Currently Amended) In a speech recognition system disposed within a portable computing device, a method of completing user input comprising:

(a) receiving a user input, said user input specifying at least one character corresponding to at least one recognizable word selection of said speech recognition system of said portable computing device an attribute of a selection;

(b) comparing said user input with a set of selections in said speech recognition system;

(c) limiting said set of selections to an available set of selections which correspond to said received user input;

repetitively performing steps (a), (b), and (c) until said available set of selections is consistent with predetermined selection criteria;

notifying a user when said available set of selections is consistent with predetermined selection criteria;

receiving a user spoken utterance; and,

matching a said received user spoken utterance with said a selection in said available set of selections.

7. (Currently Amended) A system disposed within a portable computing device for completing user input comprising:

a buffer for receiving one or more user inputs and one or more user spoken utterances;

a set of recognizable word selections for comparing with said user spoken utterance;

a limiter for filtering said set of recognizable word selections to an available set of recognizable word selections based upon said user inputs, each said user input specifying at least one character corresponding to at least one recognizable word selection of a speech recognition system of said portable computing device an attribute of a selection within said available set of selections; and,

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a speech recognition engine for processing said user spoken utterances to match a received user spoken utterance with only said available set of recognizable word selections.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein said at least one character attribute can specify one or more characters or specifies a text word or phrase.

9. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

(a) receiving a user input, said user input specifying at least one character corresponding to at least one recognizable word selection of a speech recognition system disposed within a portable computing device ~~an attribute of a selection;~~

(b) comparing said user input with a set of selections in said speech recognition system;

(c) limiting said set of selections to an available set of selections which correspond to said specified at least one character received user input;

receiving a user spoken utterance; and,

matching a said received user spoken utterance with said a selection in said available set of selections.

10. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 9, further comprising:
repetitively performing steps (a), (b), and (c) of claim 9 until said available set of selections is consistent with predetermined selection criteria.

11. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 9, further comprising:
notifying a user when said available set of selections is consistent with predetermined selection criteria.

12. (Canceled)

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B² 13. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage of claim 9, wherein said at least one character attribute specifies a text word or phrase.
